

I am distressed at Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Pre-empting normal programming to air a "documentary" is a clear misuse of media power, and a violation of federal equal time requirements. If they must air this, they should be compelled to air "Going Upriver" immediately afterwards. Furthermore, this is clearly politically motivated because they are forcing this on their stations in the coming election's key swing states!

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair stations reach a full quarter of the American public. They are using their size and power for undue influence and that runs counter to the principles of democracy that this country is founded on!

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.